

THANKS TO YOU

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Who Make CityStuff Come Alive

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VOLUNTEERS TAKE THE FIFTH!

In Fall 2002, 13 intrepid people ventured into the unknown. Arms overflowing with fun CityStuff materials, they took a deep breath, knocked on a new door and faced a classroom of effervescent third-graders.

After that initial pilot, one forever-changed volunteer remarked, "It was scary and at first I was awful. But I can't wait to do it again!"

Fast-forward to Spring 2006. Some charter CityStuff volunteers are on their fifth consecutive curriculum. Many others are returning for the second, third or fourth time. Several are tackling this exciting challenge for the very first time. We thank you all!

Here are some scenes and stories from Spring 2006.

SHE'S FIRED UP TO TEACH



Carlsbad firefighters make a special trip to Jefferson.

City Attorney Jane Mobaldi has offered a special treat in almost every lesson: a surprise guest! A restaurant owner brought that activity to life and a reporter enlivened the newspaper session. Shown here is a Carlsbad Fire Department crew enthralled Jane's class at Jefferson Elementary.



INTRODUCING STUDENTS TO THEIR CARLSBAD WORLD



Veronica Diaz and Jose Hernandez in Sherri's class.

HATS OFF TO THIS VOLUNTEER

Sherri Howard with the City's Engineering Department brought miniature hard hats to her first session at Jefferson Elementary. Her students were so delighted, many continued to wear them during each lesson.

Sherri's classroom teacher, Kate Alva, says she and her co-teacher, Ann Smith, are happy to welcome CityStuff back to their classroom each spring. Kate says, "It makes social studies come alive."

FORTUNE FAVORS GINI CRAIG'S KIDS

Each year, Gini Craig, who is volunteering at Hope this year, personalizes the lessons to make the experience more memorable. She brings matchbox cars and trucks for kids to use in the city they build and fortune cookies to go along with the restaurant activity.

Gini modestly believes, "It's such a little thing to do, but I think they will remember the cars and the fortune cookies forever. Their 'stories' about City Stuff will revolve around things like that."

THIS CLASS ENDS WITH A PICNIC

"To Be or Not To Be ... the Tree" is the question pondered by 52 mock councils this spring. Many volunteers make an event of this final meeting.

"Last year we had a picnic in Holiday Park," recalls Charlotte Wells, currently at Aviara Oaks. "The kids had the most wonderful time. They brought their lunches. I bought cupcakes for dessert. They ate. They played. Their faces shined. It was such a good day."

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Dear CityStuff Friends:

You're invited to a Mock Meeting! We'd love to have you observe pint-sized democracy in action. Please contact Marilyn Campbell at (760) 439-3716 or wrt4fn@cox.net for a schedule.

A CITYSTUFF SAGA

Two years ago, Volunteer Heidi Heisterman's daughter, Kayla Hatchett, 10, participated in CityStuff. This spring, Kayla put her experience to great use when she appeared before a real City Council meeting to share her views on a genuine issue: the K-rails at Mira Monte. City officials were impressed with Kayla's demeanor as she calmly but firmly expressed her thoughts.

After the meeting, City Manager Ray Patchett graciously congratulated Kayla for having the moxie to speak her mind on a controversial issue in a non-confrontational way.

Heidi, who is double-teaching at Buena Vista and Pacific Rim this spring, told Ray, "You can 'blame' CityStuff for this. That's where Kayla learned she can have a voice in government."

Ray replied, "That's the way it's supposed to work."

A REMINDER TO VOLUNTEERS

The Evaluation Party takes place June 26, 2:15-4:15 at the Carlsbad Senior Center, 799 Pine Avenue. Please bring your reusable materials and your comments on how to improve the CityStuff experience next year.